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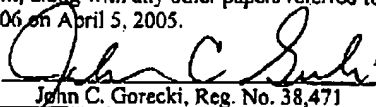
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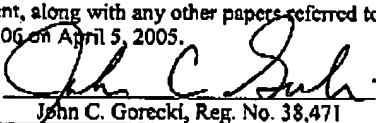
  
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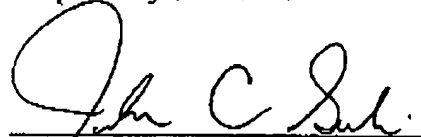
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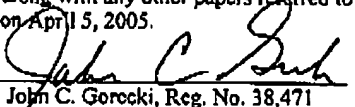
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the Office Action dated November 5, 2004, as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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